

to the late state Representative Rufus Jones for 57 years, helping at the Rufus Jones Big Star grocery store at College and McLemore and on his political campaigns. She loved her children and saw them earn significant advanced degrees, and guided her talented grandchildren who called her "Granna." I extend my condolences to Mrs. Jones' four children—Dr. Gladys A. Jones, Rufus E. Jones Jr., Dr. Ida L. Jones Pittman, and Dorothy D. Jones—and to her many friends, colleagues and admirers.

RECOGNIZING THE 120TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE PECARD LEATHER CARE COMPANY

**HON. MIKE GALLAGHER**

OF WISCONSIN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, March 24, 2022*

Mr. GALLAGHER. Madam Speaker, I rise today in recognition of the Pecard Leather Care Company as they celebrate their 120th anniversary.

The company came from humble beginnings when Phil Pecard, resident of Lena, WI, began to experiment with formulas to protect, restore, and seal leather goods in 1902. Mr. Pecard's mission was to provide the lumbermen of Wisconsin with the resources they needed to protect their expensive leather boots in the cold and wet environment that was the north woods.

The business continued to grow and shortly after World War Two, Mr. Pecard constructed a small factory in the Green Bay area and later sold his business to a local businessman, Arthur Wadzinski. Over the next 20 years, the business continued to grow as original formulas were refined and legally patented. The company was formally incorporated in 1964 and a new manufacturing plant was built in 1975 to accommodate their rapid growth and overwhelming success. I commend the Pecard Leather Care Company for its service and dedication to the craft.

120 years later, it is more than fitting to take time to recognize the company's pledge in continuing the authentic craftsmanship and high-quality traditions that began with Mr. Pecard. A small idea that began in Lena, WI, has grown to serve customers worldwide for over a century. I applaud the Pecard Leather Care Company for its exceptional work, continued growth, and success for the past 120 years.

I invite all Members of this body to join me in celebrating the 120th anniversary of Pecard Leather Care Company. I extend my sincerest congratulations to the Pecard Leather team on this remarkable milestone and wish them success for many more years to follow.

RECOGNIZING THE ORIANNE & PHIL COLLINS' LITTLE DREAMS FOUNDATION

**HON. CARLOS A. GIMENEZ**

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, March 24, 2022*

Mr. GIMENEZ. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize The Orianne & Phil Collins' Little

Dreams Foundation (LDF). The LDF was founded in 2000 and has been headquartered in Miami since 2013. The foundation's goals are to provide training and advice for aspiring young artists, athletes, and musicians by pairing them with a mentor who is a professional in their respective area.

Being able to extract creative talent out of students in Miami is important to Lourdes and I. Studies show that when students are introduced to music and the arts at a young age, it helps improve cognitive ability particularly in the math and sciences. In a world that is rapidly evolving and growing technologically, it is crucial that students at a young age have the ability to compete on a global stage in STEM courses. Organizations like The Orianne & Phil Collins' Little Dreams Foundation are crucial for giving students skills that they may not necessarily learn inside the classroom.

Now more than ever are LDF's contributions and mission critical to the surrounding community. I congratulate The Orianne & Phil Collins' Little Dreams Foundation. I look forward to their continued success and prosperity in the future.

IN HONOR OF KRISTI SHREVE

**HON. JACKIE SPEIER**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, March 24, 2022*

Ms. SPEIER. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize Kristi Shreve who is receiving the 2020 Hillsborough Schools' Community Care Award. Every year, the Associated Parents' Group of Hillsborough selects a non-resident employee who has made sustained, significant and lasting contributions that have touched the lives of our children and benefited the community as a whole.

Mrs. Shreve is an outstanding educator who has dedicated her life to teaching and uplifting the next generation. She began teaching in Hillsborough 24 years ago as a teacher at South Preschool. She became a student-teacher at South School and was hired by Hillsborough School District in 2002 as a 2nd-grade teacher at South. A year later, she transferred to West School where she has been a 1st through 3rd-grade teacher ever since. Mrs. Shreve is a member of the Leadership Team at West, a Data Advisor, a New Teacher Mentor, a Teacher in Charge, a Technology Mentor, an HTA Site Representative, HTA Negotiator, and HTA President, among the many leadership roles she is holding. Her work ethic and compassion have earned her the respect and adoration of her colleagues, students and their parents.

An essential quality of an outstanding teacher is the ability to meet students where they are. Mrs. Shreve gets to know each student and his or her unique needs. She becomes a true advocate and will always go the extra mile. With parents, she forms partnerships that are characterized by flawless communication, strong and trusting relationships, and joint advocacy for the students. These relationships live on beyond their time at the school.

Mrs. Shreve led the first Tyler Yamagishi Walk-a-Thon at West School raising money for the Tyler Yamagishi Scholarship Fund and the Riekes Center in Menlo Park. Tyler Yamagishi was a West student who succumbed to

osteosarcoma at the young age of 14. The Riekes Center is a non-profit community space that offers character-building programs in art, music, nature awareness, sports training, and other life skill areas. Mrs. Shreve also worked with the Hillsborough Beautification Committee and the West Parent Group on the memorial tree project in Tyler's memory. Another project that showcased her inexhaustible empathy was the "Love Notes for Montecito." All students at West made valentines for students and staff at Montecito Union Elementary School in Santa Barbara County after devastating fires and mud slides in 2018.

When not at school, Mrs. Shreve loves to spend time with her husband, John, their own children, Alyssa and Brendan, and their two cats, Snowy and Cookies. They reside in Daly City.

Madam Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in commending Kristi Shreve for being an exemplary teacher, one of the most influential and noble vocations in shaping our common future. She is a role model and an inspiration to us all.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

**HON. ADAM SMITH**

OF WASHINGTON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, March 24, 2022*

Mr. SMITH of Washington. Madam Speaker, on Tuesday, March 8, 2022, I missed a vote on H. Con. Res. 70. I would have voted "YES" on roll call vote No. 61 (on the motion to suspend the rules and agree to H. Con. Res. 70, as amended).

TRIBUTE TO CHIEF MELANIE MONTROLL, ORLEANS PARISH HARBOR POLICE

**HON. TROY A. CARTER**

OF LOUISIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, March 24, 2022*

Mr. CARTER of Louisiana. Madam Speaker, "Law enforcement is my existence; I have strived to make this world a better place for all of us. Service to humankind is the only way to show appreciation for being chosen by God to live this life."

Those words are Chief Montroll's mantra every day. Born the youngest child to a doting police officer father and a loving mother who worked in accounting, her parents knew at a very early age that she would live a transformative life.

Chief Montroll was born on New Orleans' Eastbank and was a rambunctious youth filled with vigor and determination. She was always known to be the life of the classroom, filled with jokes and playfulness. Academics came easy to her also. Chief Montroll is a graduate of Oliver Perry Walker High School in New Orleans' Algiers area and graduated with a 4.0 average. After her high school graduation, she attended community college and concurrently made the decision to follow in the footsteps of her father and become a police officer. After graduating from the Harbor Police Academy, Melanie was full steam ahead in her career serving the community.

Chief Montroll, while holding a full-time law enforcement job at Harbor Police Department, enrolled in Southern University at New Orleans and obtained a Bachelor of Science Degree in Business Administration. Soon thereafter, she secured her Master's Degree in Business Administration from the University of New Orleans. "Education is the key to doors that cannot be opened normally."

Within two years of her being employed by the Harbor Police Department, she was promoted to Corporal, which gave her officer supervisory responsibilities within the department. After many awards and accommodations, she was promoted to Sergeant, which included being the Director of Training and the Commander of the Marine division. This position prepared her to, once again, be promoted. This time to Lieutenant, and those responsibilities made her the Commander of the Criminal Investigations and Internal Affairs Division.

As a reward for Chief Montroll's hard work and dedication, she was promoted to Assistant Chief of the Harbor Police Department in 2017 with the rank of Captain. The job included Captain of all Platoons, Communications and Surveillance Center, Criminal Investigations and Internal Affairs, Maritime Security Operations Center, Bicycle Division, Training Division, and the day-to-day operations of the Harbor Police Department. She supervised security guards working under the purview of the Harbor Police Department. She was responsible for ensuring adequate and efficient deployment of patrol officers to various sections of the Port of New Orleans as well as overseeing the Port of New Orleans Fireboat Boat and 9-member crew. She was responsible for three civilian staff in charge of emergency operations and homeland security. She was responsible for the fiscal budget for the department and responsible for the Port of New Orleans remaining compliant with MTS (Coast Guard Regulations) and Commander of Harbor Police Department's Marine Division. She served as the liaison for personnel and time management for subordinate officers between the Harbor Police Department and the Port of New Orleans' Human Relations Division. She coordinated working relationships with outside law enforcement agencies, including local, state, and federal.

Under the tutelage of Chief Robert Hecker, she learned the ins and outs of being the Chief of Police. She credits Chief Hecker for being an outstanding mentor and role model in policing. On Monday, February 28, 2022, after a long interview process, Melanie received the call that she was selected to be the next Chief of Police for the Harbor Police Department. Chief Montroll is the first African American female Chief of Police for the Harbor Police Department and one of the first in the State of Louisiana. Chief Montroll is married to Danyell Montroll and has a son Daniel and live in the Greater New Orleans Metropolitan area. She is an inspiring member of our community and I congratulate her on this incredible achievement.

## SUPPORTING H.R. 5001, THE UPPER COLORADO AND SAN JUAN RIVER BASINS RECOVERY ACT

### HON. JOE NEGUSE

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, March 24, 2022

Mr. NEGUSE. Madam Speaker, I rise today in support of H.R. 5001, the Upper Colorado and San Juan River Basins Recovery Act. This bipartisan bill would reauthorize and extend critical endangered fish recovery programs in the Upper Colorado and San Juan River Basins in Colorado, New Mexico, Utah, and Wyoming.

The Upper Colorado River Endangered Fish Recovery Program was first established in the 1980s to help bring four species of endangered fish back from the brink of extinction, while continuing existing water development and ensuring compliance with the Endangered Species Act.

The San Juan River Basin Recovery Implementation Program was established in 1992, and similarly works to protect these endangered fish in the San Juan River sub-basin, a part of the larger Upper Colorado River Basin.

These programs are unique collaborative efforts between local, state and Tribal officials, federal agencies, water and power interests, and environmental groups—all working together to recover these endangered species, preserve ecosystems, and maintain water development.

These four species of fish are only found in the Colorado River Basin—making the work of the recovery partners crucial to their recovery. Both programs work collaboratively for the recovery of these species, and have become models for their collaborative conservation efforts to protect endangered species.

Last year, one of the endangered species in the Upper Colorado River Basin—the humpback chub—was moved from endangered to threatened status due to the many years of effort from this partnership. Another species—the razorback sucker—was also proposed for delisting last summer, resulting from the actions of the recovery programs and their partners over the past 30 years.

My bill would reauthorize these critical programs through 2024 and extend current reporting deadlines for the Recovery Programs.

Extending the program authorization an additional year allows federal partners to include funding for the programs in their three-year budgetary planning cycle, and does not raise the cost ceiling for the current programs.

The bill also provides an extension of reporting requirements for the recovery programs—as requested by the program partners—to account for challenges and delays due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

I am glad to have the support of several of my colleagues from these states as cosponsors on this effort, along with the support of local and state officials across the Upper Colorado River Basin.

The technical amendments my bill makes are necessary to preserve the functioning of these successful programs, and ensure the programs are able to continue to operate smoothly for an additional year.

## CELEBRATING THE ONE YEAR ANNIVERSARY OF NATIVO

### HON. JIMMY GOMEZ

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, March 24, 2022

Mr. GOMEZ. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize the Nativo restaurant in the community of Highland Park on its one-year anniversary.

Nativo first opened for business in November 2020, but temporarily closed its doors amid the rising COVID-19 case count. In February 2021, the colorful Guadalajara-inspired restaurant began to welcome guests again.

Nativo has been a local, family-owned operation from day one. Gabriel Paredes, a Highland Park native, draws inspiration from his family roots in the neighborhood of Guadalajara, Jalisco. He remembers walking up and down York and Figueroa with his grandfather selling boots from a beat up old white truck. "One of my dreams has always been to come back to the neighborhood that has meant so much to me," says Paredes. Corissa Hernandez, co-owner and wife, is Nativo's cultural liaison. "We want to create a platform for people of color, for women," says Hernandez.

Madam Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in congratulating Gabriel Paredes, Corissa Hernandez, and Nativo on their one-year anniversary. I also extend to all of them my best wishes for many more years of success ahead and I invite my colleagues to stop by Nativos the next time they're in Los Angeles.

## HONORING THE LIFE AND LEGACY OF PERVIS SPANN, ALSO KNOWN AS "THE BLUES MAN"

### HON. BOBBY L. RUSH

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, March 24, 2022

Mr. RUSH. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor and celebrate the life and legacy of an extraordinary man and broadcast radio icon, an on-air personality, and a radio station owner: Mr. Pervis Spann.

Pervis Spann was born in Itta Be, Mississippi on August 16, 1932. Growing up, he picked cotton and cared for his family when his mother fell ill. At age 14, he managed the Dixie Theater, a local Black theater. His family uprooted from Mississippi and migrated to Battle Creek, Michigan in search of jobs, education, housing, and the right to vote. Spann joined the military and fought for our Nation during the Korean War.

In the 1950s, his love for music would lead him to his first disc jockey job at WOPA in Oak Park, Illinois. In 1960, he organized his first concert, which showcased B.B. King and Junior Parker. In 1963, Phil and Leonard Chess bought a radio station that later became known as WVON. Shortly afterwards, Spann was hired by the Chess brothers as a disc jockey for their 24-hour blues station.

Spann became known as the "The Blues Man", gaining notoriety with an 87-hour sleepless "sit-in" raising money for Civil Rights leader, Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. On April 1, 1963, Spann and his business partner, Wesley South, would purchase the radio station and create the mantra, "The Voice of the Negro."